

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, lines 3-5:

DEVICE FOR ~~STARTING OR THROWING ON AND DISCONTINUING~~
~~OR THROWING OFF PRINTING~~ THROWING-ON IMPRESSION AND
THROWING-OFF IMPRESSION IN A PRINTING PRESS AND
PRINTING PRESS HAVING THE DEVICE

Page 2, line 20, to page 3, line 2:

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690, a device for ~~starting or throwing on and discontinuing or~~
~~throwing off printing~~ throwing-on impression and throwing-off
impression is described, which originates against a background
quite different from that of the invention of the instant
application, and which represents only a further state of the
art. In this device, the eccentric bushing of a form
cylinder, to which a plurality of applicator rollers are
assigned, is coupled through a coupler to the eccentric
bushing of a blanket cylinder.

Page 3, line 5, to page 4, line 4:

It is accordingly an object of the invention to provide a
device for ~~starting or throwing on and discontinuing or~~
~~throwing off printing~~ throwing-on impression and throwing-off
impression and a printing press having the device, which
overcome the hereinafore-mentioned disadvantages of the

heretofore-known devices of this general type and which are suitable for use in a varnishing or printing unit which must often have to be operated in a so-called inactive mode.

With the foregoing and other objects in view there is provided, in accordance with the invention, a device for ~~starting or throwing on and discontinuing or throwing off printing~~ throwing-on impression and throwing-off impression in a printing press. The device includes an impression cylinder, a form and/or blanket cylinder, a cylinder throw-on and throw-off bearing for throwing the form and/or blanket cylinder on and off the impression cylinder, an applicator roller, and a roller throw-on and throw-off bearing for throwing the applicator roller on and off the form and/or blanket cylinder. The roller throw-on and throw-off bearing includes a rotatably mounted first actuating element. The cylinder throw-on and throw-off bearing includes a rotatably mounted second actuating element. A coupler, together with the first and second actuating elements, forms a coupler mechanism. A joint is provided through which one of the actuating elements is connected for articulation in the manner of a thrust joint to the coupler. The joint has a dead thrust travel.

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With the objects of the invention in view, there is also provided a printing press, comprising a device for ~~starting or throwing on and discontinuing or throwing off printing~~ throwing-on impression and throwing-off impression in a printing press. The device includes an impression cylinder, a form and/or blanket cylinder, a cylinder throw-on and throw-off bearing for throwing the form and/or blanket cylinder on and off the impression cylinder, an applicator roller, and a roller throw-on and throw-off bearing for throwing the applicator roller on and off the form and/or blanket cylinder. The roller throw-on and throw-off bearing includes a rotatably mounted first actuating element. The cylinder throw-on and throw-off bearing includes a rotatably mounted second actuating element. A coupler, together with the first and second actuating elements, forms a coupler mechanism. A joint is provided through which one of the actuating elements is connected for articulation in the manner of a thrust joint to the coupler. The joint has a dead thrust travel.

Page 10, lines 1-9:

Although the invention is illustrated and described herein as embodied in a device for ~~starting or throwing on and discontinuing or throwing off printing~~ throwing-on impression and throwing-off impression in a printing press and a printing

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press having the device, it is nevertheless not intended to be limited to the details shown, since various modifications and structural changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention and within the scope and range of equivalents of the claims.

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (presently amended). A device for ~~starting or throwing on and discontinuing or throwing off printing~~ throwing-on impression and throwing-off impression in a printing press, comprising:

an impression cylinder;

at least one of a form and a blanket cylinder;

an applicator roller;

a roller throw-on and throw-off bearing for throwing said applicator roller on and off said at least one of said form and said blanket cylinder, said roller throw-on and throw-off bearing including a rotatably mounted first actuating element;

a cylinder throw-on and throw-off bearing for throwing said at least one of said form and said blanket cylinder on and off said impression cylinder, said cylinder throw-on and throw-off bearing including a rotatably mounted second actuating element;

a coupler forming a coupler mechanism together with said first and said second actuating elements; and

a thrust joint having a dead thrust travel and articulately connecting one of said actuating elements to said coupler.

Claim 2 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein said first actuating element is an eccentric bushing.

Claim 3 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein said second actuating element is a cam ring.

Claim 4 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein said thrust joint connects said first actuating element to said coupler.

Claim 5 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein said thrust joint is a rotary and thrust joint.

Claim 6 (original). The device according to claim 5, wherein said rotary and thrust joint has a slot and a joint pin to be rotatably and displaceably guided in said slot.

Claim 7 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein said applicator roller is associated with said at least one of said form and blanket cylinder as a single applicator roller.

Claim 8 (currently amended). A printing press, comprising:

an impression cylinder;

at least one of a form and a blanket cylinder;

an applicator roller; and

a device for ~~starting or throwing on and discontinuing or~~
~~throwing-off printing~~ throwing-on impression and throwing-off
impression, said device including:

a roller throw-on and throw-off bearing for throwing said
applicator roller on and off said at least one of said
form and said blanket cylinder, said roller throw-on and
throw-off bearing including a rotatably mounted first
actuating element;

a cylinder throw-on and throw-off bearing for throwing
said at least one of said form and said blanket cylinder
on and off said impression cylinder, said cylinder throw-
on and throw-off bearing including a rotatably mounted
second actuating element;

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a coupler forming a coupler mechanism together with said first and said second actuating elements; and

a thrust joint having a dead thrust travel and articulately connecting one of said actuating elements to said coupler.

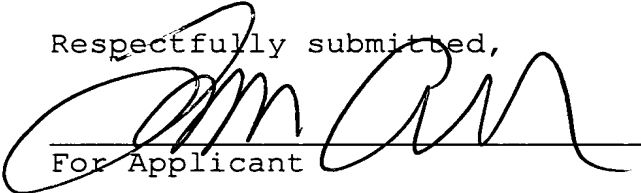
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Remarks:

The preliminary amendment is being filed in an effort to clarify the application.

An early action on the merits of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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